

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 931

By DuBois

A RESOLUTION to honor and applaud Head Coach Mike Ransom and the Columbia Central High School boys' bowling team on capturing the TSSAA Division I State Championship.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, led by Head Coach Mike Ransom, the Columbia Central High School boys' bowling team achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2007-2008 season, establishing an impressive record of twenty-four wins against only one loss on the road to victory at the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Division I State Championship; and

WHEREAS, marking the Columbia Central High School Lions' first TSSAA boys' state title, the team's success was the culmination of a landmark season that included the defeat of many perennial bowling powerhouses, such as defending state champions Hixson High School, Hendersonville High School, and Smyrna High School; and

WHEREAS, during their incredible season, the Lions amassed a perfect record in District 8 play and claimed the District 8 Tournament and Region 4 Tournament; and

WHEREAS, the Lions rolled over their opponents in the State Tournament on January 25-26, 2008; they defeated Sevier County High School by the score of 22-5 and Page High School by the score of 18-9 to advance to the final round; and

WHEREAS, proving themselves champions, the Columbia Central Lions completed their remarkable season by soundly defeating Hendersonville High School by the score of 19-8; and

WHEREAS, this heroic effort was led by the outstanding championship match performances of Aaron Davidson, who rolled a remarkable series score of 718; Jake Flatt, who

rolled a 668 series; Travis Howell, who rolled a 659 series; and Michael Poirer, who rolled a 644 series; and

WHEREAS, the skilled Columbia Central team was home to four of the State's top ten bowlers, based on average: Michael Poirer was first with an average of 236, Aaron Davidson was fourth with an average of 218, Travis Howell was fifth with an average of 214, and Jacob Flatt was tenth with an average of 210; and

WHEREAS, the talented Michael Poirer also earned distinction as Tennessee's first Division I Mr. Bowler and went on to win the TSSAA State Singles Championship, rolling an impressive series score of 834, which included a perfect game of 300 and topped the previous school record; and

WHEREAS, the phenomenal players who comprised the Columbia Central Lions were Wes Tuesca, Jake Flatt, Travis Howell, Michael Poirier, Cody Hamilton, Aaron Davidson, Corey Morris, Junior DeLarosa, Des Braden, and Tay Duncan; and

WHEREAS, the estimable coaches of Columbia's exceptional bowling team were Head Coach Mike Ransom and Assistant Coaches Gary Flatt and Randy Cook; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible a successful and memorable season, but also surely point toward continued success in their future endeavors; and

WHEREAS, displaying great sportsmanship and outstanding spirit, the Columbia Central High School Lions have conducted themselves in a manner appropriate to the integrity of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee takes great pride in the tremendous accomplishments of those student athletes who have excelled both in their sport and in the classroom; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Head Coach Mike Ransom and the Columbia Central High School boys' bowling team on capturing the 2008 TSSAA Division I State Championship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation, with this final clause omitted from such copies.